

LSUS offering 'vacation' for credit

by **Brittany Harness**

With the semester in full swing and stress mounting, students could use a vacation. Luckily, Dr. Ron Byrd, professor of kinesiology and health science, is giving students an opportunity to travel westward and still obtain college credit.

Byrd will accompany students on a trip in which the focus will be evaluating the human body, and upon registering for KHS 490 and KHS 495, students will be receive credit for their travel.

The trip will take place between the spring and first summer term, from May 18 to 27. As students prepare to hit the trail, Byrd said students who participate can consider the event "an environmental and cultural fantasy."

Byrd plans to introduce students to Taos Pueblo and Mesa Verde, two Native American cultures, as well as embark on hikes of the Rio Grande Gorge, Palo Duro Canyon and Wheeler Peak, New Mexico.

The trip will also allow students the opportunity to visit museums, and thrill-seeking participants will even have the option to par-

take in river rafting the Rio Grande.

Byrd said the focus of the trip is to "emphasize how the body works under stress at high altitude."

He also said students can prepare to study how their bodies react to heat, humidity and exercise.

Throughout the trip, students will collect physiological data that will be discussed during evening lectures. During each hike, cardiovascular and metabolic monitoring will be taken as well.

A total of 11 students will have the opportunity to travel westward with Byrd, as the limit is based on the 15-seat passenger van that will be used. All majors are welcome.

The \$400 cost of the trip in addition to the cost of tuition for enrollment in the classes, includes transportation fees, insurance and housing.

A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due April 15 to Byrd. The \$400 fee is due by May 11.

A mandatory orientation will be held for the students involved in May in the HPE building.



PHOTOS BY RON BYRD

St. Jerome Church in Taos Pueblo (above) will be one of the places visited by students who take the upcoming KHS 490 or KHS 495 class. Students will also view peaks 100 miles away on the trip. Dr. Ron Byrd is taking students to several places in the west to teach them how the human body responds to somewhat adverse conditions.



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by Mike Pizzolato

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CAMPUS NEWS

SGA President-elect Hayes working through setbacks

by Jeremiah Raab

It may take longer than expected to get things done, but Joseph Hayes, SGA president-elect, said Monday that he was determined to keep fighting for the issues on which he campaigned.

On Monday afternoon, Hayes had a one-on-one meeting with Dr. Gloria Raines, vice chancellor for student affairs and SGA adviser, to discuss several key issues he plans to bring up while president. Hayes said the meeting was positive, even as he realized there would be a long way to go before progress could be made.

"It's going to be a tough road, but I'm perfectly willing to do (it)," said Hayes.

At the top of Hayes' agenda, and the issue he campaigned most on, is the attendance policy. Hayes and Nicole Goad, vice president-elect, had stated that students should not be penalized for missing class.

First, Hayes will have to convince students, the administration and the university that the attendance policy is worth changing. Also, Hayes must have majority approval from the SGA senate before he can proceed any further.

"The chance of getting that changed is very, very slight," admitted Raines. But that should not stop Hayes from proceeding with his plans, she added.

Raines said, "You need to propose what you believe is the right thing to do."



RODRIGO MONDRAGON

Joseph Hayes is working on fulfilling the promises he made to LSUS students during his campaign.

Another issue on the Hayes/Goad platform is the unblocking of Web sites on campus. Beginning a couple of weeks ago, certain Web sites were blocked due to the university's bandwidth's being overloaded. Only when a limited number of people on campus are online can Web sites such as MySpace, YouTube and Facebook be visited.

According to Hayes, this will not be an easy problem to fix, but there is a silver lining on the horizon.

"Student outcry is to get all Web sites unblocked," said Hayes. "Unfortunately, I don't think that's going to happen." What Hayes does believe is possible is opening up the bandwidth limitations on the Facebook Web site, making it easier for students to get on the site throughout the day. But in order to do that, the bandwidth limitations on other Web sites, like MySpace and YouTube, must be increased, which would make it even more difficult

to log on to those sites.

Hayes believes this is an option worth considering. "To me, Facebook is the most valuable resource for the university (right now)," said Hayes, adding that there are numerous student organizations that have their own groups on the site, making it the top priority.

As with the attendance policy, Hayes must have student approval, as well as senate approval within the SGA before anything can get started.

As of today, Hayes is only the president-elect of the SGA. Denitra Dennis will retain the title of SGA president until an official luncheon set for sometime in the coming weeks.

After being sworn in and officially taking over the reigns as SGA president, Hayes will have the task of appointing SGA senators to serve on a variety of committees, which is a mandatory requirement for members.

Campus Briefs

Authors in April writer to speak tomorrow

Novelist Clyde Edgerton will give a free writers' workshop tomorrow at 2 p.m. Edgerton, who is the author of eight novels and has received five book awards from The New York Times, will be in town as part of the LSUS Pioneer Heritage Center's Authors in April series. The workshop will be at the Pioneer Heritage Center's Webb Commissary and is open to students.

The Authors in April luncheon will follow on Saturday at the Shreveport Country Club. Authors in April is the largest annual fundraising event on behalf of the Pioneer Heritage Center. Last year's guest speaker, Geraldine Brooks, won the Pulitzer Prize for her novel "March."

"He is just a true Southern writer," said Marty Young, director of the Pioneer Heritage Center. "He gives a good slice of life in the South. It's a true wedge of Southern beliefs and attitudes."

By Mike Schwalke

SGA UPDATE

Results from April 5 meeting:

- The LSUS mascot name and costume will be released through the *Almagest* next fall.
- Joseph Pearson, director of the UC, brought pictures of furniture and designs of what the UC will look like after renovations take place this summer.
- Melanie Finch was voted in as senator from the college of business.

FINALISTS FOR 2007 PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

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Lisa Burke

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Norm Dolch

Mary Lusk

Tom Dubose

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Carlos Spaht

Rhonda Failey

Tim Vines

Kenna Franklin

Cheryl White

Sharon Green

Tara Williams-Hart

Wolfgang Hinck

Amy Wren

Wayne Hogue

Plaza ceremony today

by Alan Trichell

LSUS will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for the Lacy and Edie Williams Plaza of Excellence today at 10:30 a.m.

Construction will begin immediately after and is expected to be completed by the scheduled presentation ceremony date of Sept. 27.

Architect Will Lea designed it, while the LSUS Alumni Association is spearheading its construction.

Director of Alumni Services Dianne Howell hopes it will serve a dual purpose.

"We want it to honor and recognize supporters as well as friends of LSUS—like the alumni, administrators and faculty as well as former and current students," she said. "But we also want it to be a beautiful architectural focal point for the campus say if we wanted to have a news conference or something similar."

The plaza will be located between the Noel Library and the Administration building. Its namesakes and two of the people it hopes to honor and recognize, Dr. Lacy and Edie Williams, underwrote construction of the plaza.

Lacy Williams is a retired radiologist and member of the Foundation Board. Edie Williams is a 1988 graduate of LSUS and is currently on the Alumni Board.

Sponsorship of gateway cornerstones, benches and gardens are available to supporters of LSUS.

Supporters can also purchase and have bricks engraved. Many have already been sold, but some are still available.

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Blocked sites cause campus woe

by Devin White

Many Web sites have been blocked and restricted on computers campus-wide. Last week, computing services implemented a new program, Websense, into the LSUS computer system because of limited bandwidth and security issues.

The change came about after students' complaints that they were unable to access sites for educational purposes. According to Shelby Keith, director of computing services, some were even having difficulty accessing COMPASS from off-campus computers.

Sites that fall under certain categories, such as sex and spyware, have been blocked because they are either against university policy or they create security issues.

Other site categories, such

as entertainment, are temporarily unavailable when total bandwidth utilization reaches specific percentages.

This "categorizing" is creating a problem for both teachers and faculty. Some legitimate sites have been classified as entertainment leaving some professors frustrated when trying to show their classes particular Web sites.

"The sites or categories that were made temporarily unavailable were sites that were deemed to be of less instructional value that were taking up a great deal of the bandwidth," said Keith.

However, some sites that are "temporarily available" don't even use much bandwidth. For example, fandango.com, a site that lists movie showings, is classified under entertainment since it

is movie related even though it does not contain bandwidth "eaters" like audio and video.

Students in university housing encountered a problem when trying to access housing's site. The site became temporarily unavailable after total bandwidth reached 50 percent since their site is classified under real estate.

Ron Sereg, assistant professor of mass communications, has had problems with the change.

"I teach propaganda," he said. Sereg recently could not access a Web site presenting criticisms of one of the films he showed in his class. "The filters are set too tight."

Sereg said he understands the university's concern for bandwidth, especially at reg-

istration time.

There is a way around this nuisance for those who choose to make the effort of contacting computing services. White-listing allows a site in a restricted category to be unrestricted.

With LSUS bandwidth at a mere 6 Mbps, the obvious solution is to purchase more bandwidth.

"The problem with bandwidth is a statewide issue," said Keith. "We are in the process of working with a new statewide initiative called LONI (Louisiana Optical Network Initiative) that should help ease the problem."

LONI is anticipated to be up and running within six to 12 months. The new network will immediately increase campus bandwidth to 30 Mbps.

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Baseball Tailgate this Weekend



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The SAB will be holding a Tailgate Bash on Friday, April 13, at 5 p.m. at the Pilot baseball field. There will be free food from Cane's, and a t-shirt will be given to the first 25 students who show a valid student ID. "When there are people in the stands, it gets me fired up," senior pitcher Matt Clayman said. "When I strike a guy out or get a ground ball, and I can hear the fans telling the next guy up to bat that they should just give up, I really get fired up." He said the LSUS fans are so much fun to play for. The Pilots will take the field against William Carey College on Friday at 6:30 p.m. in game one of the three-game series. Games two and three will begin on Saturday at 1 p.m.

SPORTS

Pilots sweep again, create first place tie

by Chrissy Chiri

The Pilots have been buying several brooms lately — they've been sweeping a lot.

LSUS, which has swept conference opponents for the second week in a row, are currently tied for first place in the Gulf Coast Atlantic Conference.

The Pilots were in a must-win situation last weekend as they played Loyola University. LSUS was in second place in the GCAC, only because they had played three fewer games than leading Belhaven College.

Going into last weekend, the Pilots needed all three wins to be tied for the lead. With top-notch pitching and timely hitting, the Pilots were able to improve their conference record by three and have evened things up.

The top four pitchers for the Pilots have a combined record of 24-5. The Pilots

overall record is 28-9 and 16-5 in conference.

Senior pitcher Matt Clayman (6-0) picked up the 2-1 win for the Pilots Friday night. Clayman went all nine innings, allowing Loyola's only run to come in the first inning.

Senior center fielder Chris Frye went 3-4 with one RBI in that match-up and senior third baseman Bryan Cooksey also knocked in a run to give the Pilots just enough to get the win.

In game two of the series on Saturday, senior pitcher Kevin Jewell took the mound. The 4-4 starter had to leave the game because of an injury after going 4 1/3 innings.

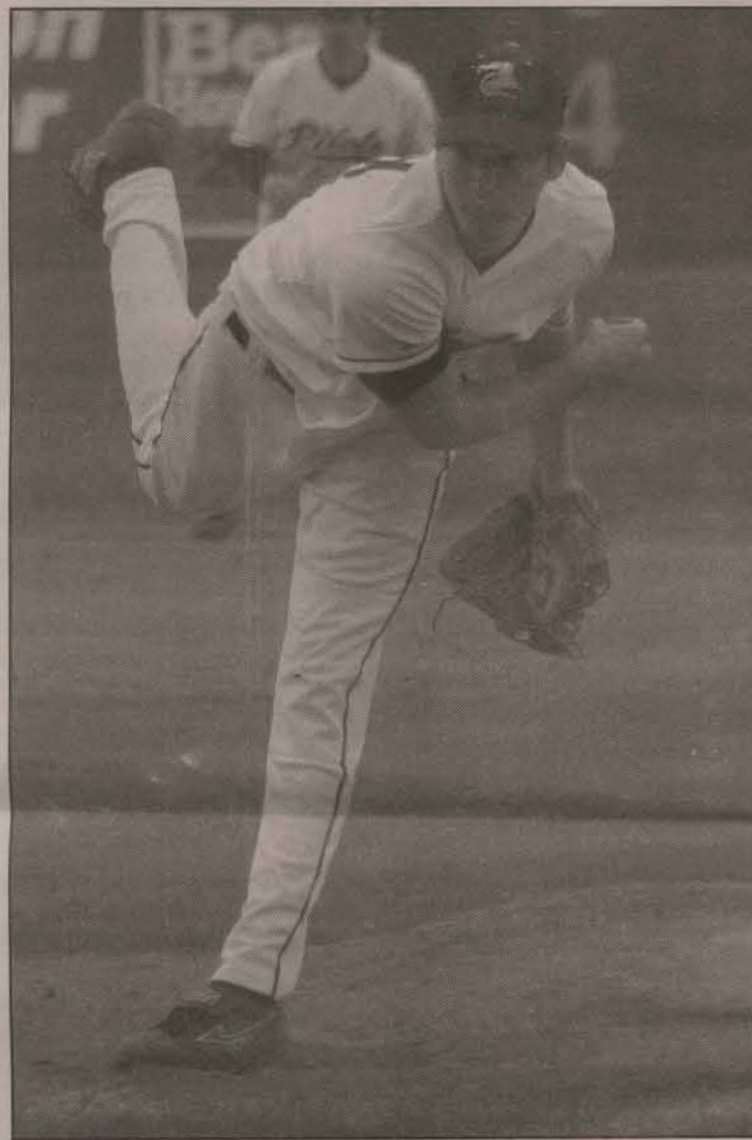
With senior Daniel Welch coming in to relieve him, the Pilots were losing 3-0 at this point. However, the LSUS offense scored three runs in the bottom of the fourth, which tied things up.

Six Pilots each had an RBI, and LSUS won the game 8-4. Welch was the pitcher of record because Jewell did not complete at least five innings. He went 2 2/3 innings and is now 6-0 on the season.

In game three of the series, and the Pilots eyeing a sweep, junior Juan Leon took the mound. The Puerto Rican native has been nearly untouchable this year. He improved his record to 8-1 on the season and has a 1.93 ERA as LSUS won 6-1.

Leon threw seven innings with four walks and three strikeouts. Senior Paul Marlow, the 6-foot-7-inch pitcher from Canada, pitched the final two innings of the game and allowed only one walk.

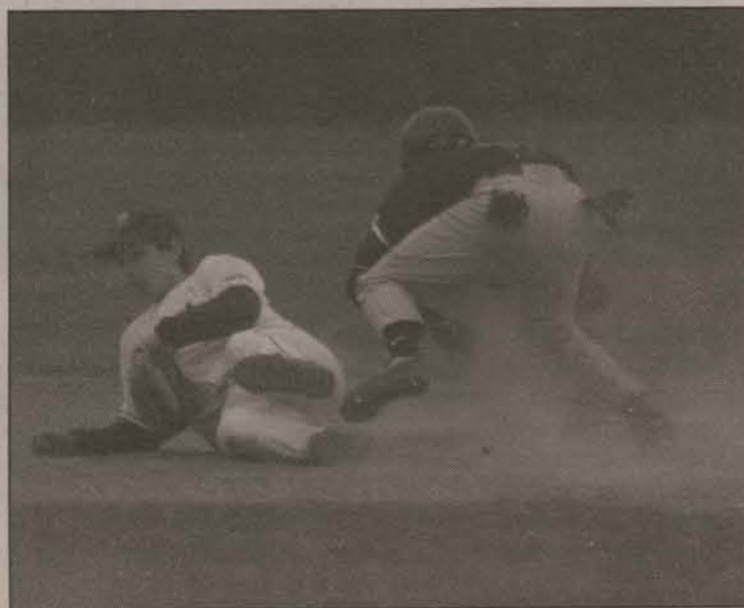
LSUS will face conference rival William Carey College this weekend. Game one is tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. Saturday will mark a double-header beginning at 1 p.m.



CHRISY CHIRI

LSUS senior pitcher Daniel Welch is 6-0 on the year for the Pilots team. He picked up his sixth win of the season in relief on Saturday against Loyola.

Brandon Magierowski, senior shortstop for LSUS, makes a play at second base in a recent game for the Pilots. LSUS has won seven out of their last eight games and are currently tied for first place in the Gulf Coast Atlantic Conference. They play at home this weekend against William Carey College.



CHRISY CHIRI

GCAC 2007 Baseball Standings

Team	Record	Streak
LSUS	16-5	Won three
Belhaven	16-5	Won 2
Mobile	12-9	Lost three
William Carey	10-11	Won one
Loyola	5-16	Lost four
Spring Hill	4-17	Lost three

ENTERTAINMENT

Double feature twice as fun

by **Chris Gray**

Robert Rodriguez brings to life one of the best-written, well directed and funnest films I have ever seen. Quentin Tarantino and Rodriguez have raised the exploitation film from the cinema graveyard with "Grindhouse," a gruesome two-some double feature film.

The first feature, "Planet Terror," takes the classic '70s monster movie plot formula and spices it up a bit to make a diamond out of coal.

Rose McGowan (TV's "Charmed"), Michael Biehn ("Terminator," "Aliens") and Freddy Rodriguez ("Lady in the Water") all gave great, if not sometimes cheesy, performances.

McGowan should have

been called machine-gun Mary in this film instead of Cherry. After a run-in with the in hospitable local nasties, she winds up limping around on a peg leg borrowed from a table. A testament to her greatness comes later in the film when she gets the chance to kick some monster buttocks Rambo style with an M-16 grenade launcher combo that replaces her wooden stump. She is the new niche actress for this genre of film.

Biehn finally returns to his roots with a good role in a sci-fi/horror film. He has gone from robot demolisher in "Terminator" to hard core monster slayer in this film, and I loved every second he was on camera. He has reminded me why Hicks in "Aliens" was my favorite

character.

Freddy Rodriguez is a virtual newcomer to the film industry, but if he can land more roles like this one he could very well be in the next generation of action stars.

Director Robert Rodriguez used dynamic camera, lighting and special effects to make this a killer film. His ability to get the desired results from his talent was amazing, and the emotion or lack thereof was splendid. His dialog was never dry or bland.

The special effects in the film were the old-school blood and gore I grew up watching, reminding me why I enjoyed horror films to begin with and had me falling in love with the genre all over again.

UPCOMING LSUS MOVIE NIGHT SCHEDULE

April 20 – Charlotte's Web

April 26 – Casino Royale

May 3 – Pursuit of Happyness

UPCOMING LSUS CONCERT SCHEDULE

April 12 – Student artists

Tarantino delivers predictable, high-octane action in 'Deathproof'

by **Mike Schwalke**

The second feature in the grindhouse was "Deathproof," a high-octane tale of fast women, fast cars and fast-paced action. Kurt Russell ("Escape from New York," "Big Trouble in Little China") plays Stuntman Mike, a tee-totaling throwback to the glory days of Eval Keneval and "The Fall Guy" with the hubris to claim his car is "death proof."

Stuntman Mike's aged cool aesthetic of muscle cars and facial scars seems stale in the 21st century. But instead of being the downtrodden antihero, Stuntman Mike is quickly revealed to be a

demonic black rider stalking young women and orchestrating a string of perfect murders.

The stuntman meets his match when he tries to chase down a trio of beauties with more death-defying acumen than Stuntman Mike himself. Stunt-driver Kim, played by Tracie Thomas ("The Devil Wears Prada," TV's "Cold Case"), and Zoë Bell (stunt-woman extraordinaire who plays herself), with their friend Abernathy, played by Rosario Dawson ("Clerks 2," "Sin City"), quickly turn the tables from being Stuntman Mike's victims to being his victimizers.

The final showdown pits Mike's black Ford Mustang

against the girls' white Dodge Challenger in a battle of stuntman versus stunt-woman, old school versus new and deathproof versus fool-hearty.

What is never addressed in the film is why. Why does Stuntman Mike kill? Why does the gang of women immediately seek revenge instead of escape?

The answer is simple: The why does not matter in "Deathproof." By disregarding the motivations, director Quentin Tarantino presents a group of characters who live in the moment. The action becomes existential; every narrow escape has great consequence. If action reveals character, then "Deathproof"

reveals a lot about its characters. But I was having too much fun to notice.

"Deathproof" contains all of Tarantino's usual tropes: characterization through conversation, a fetishistic over-indulgence in one avenue of pop-culture minutiae and a team of international supervixens. Unfortunately, the endless discussions of 30-year-old muscle car shows get tedious and mark a slowdown in what is essentially a fast movie. But Tarantino salvages the film with a tremendous action sequence at the climax of the film that could best be described as archetypal. Whereas "The Fast and the Furious" is slick, "Death-

proof" is gritty. Instead of being fantastic and impossible, the automotive action in "Deathproof" hinges on realism and that makes every collision and every spin-out resonate in the bowels of the viewer.

At more than three hours, "Grindhouse" is an event that trumps any overwrought Hollywood blockbuster of late. I have no doubt that the DVD release will be packed with bonus features, but you should realize that Tarantino and Rodriguez intended you to see "Grindhouse" in a theatre as part of a movie-going experience. The film does not disappoint. Skip your next class and drive at high speed to the next showing.

FUN & GAMES

The English Club's
2007 Fiction & Poetry contest
is underway at LSUS.
\$100, \$50 and \$25 are prizes for
the top three entries
in each category.

The deadline is April 19.

Pick up entry packets in BH 258.

Sudoku Puzzle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

Bert Stroud, the Anthropologist

By: Mike Schwalke and Diego Tripodi



LSUS Sports Schedule

Friday, April 13

6:30 p.m.

William Carey College

at LSUS*

(baseball)

Saturday, April 14

1 p.m.

William Carey College

at LSUS*

(baseball double-header)

Tuesday, April 17

4 p.m.

LSUS at

Texas Wesleyan University

(baseball double-header)

Friday, April 20

6 p.m.

LSUS at

Belhaven College*

(baseball)

Saturday, April 21

1 p.m.

LSUS at

Belhaven College*

(baseball double-header)

Tuesday, April 24

1 p.m.

LSUS at

Northwood University

(baseball double-header)

* asterisk denotes
conference game